

A letter to us from a correspondent in Archison says that business, especially the mercantile, is opening in that city briskly and quite satisfactorily.

that the contest was not ended. At last I found an opportunity to get away from the center of the fight. I saw a soldier who relieved me of my burden, and I felt fairly free to take my way, floundering along through the mud among the smoldering ambulances and artillery wagons. For half a mile I pressed on, through the forest, which covered the entire surrounding country, without finding any evidences of engagement, except here and there the roar of an occasional shot or light on the trees. I was told that the fighting had been a little more serious in the center of the forest, but here, at least, it had broken down into a mere struggle between individuals, a horse here and there stretched out in blood, began to appear. How long I found a poor fellow mangled and rotting, who had been so fallen the day before. I picked up a letter lying upon him, but reflected that it might identify the body, and ignored it. There were five or six dead horses lying about, and I saw that they were first drops in the tempest of human blood. At some little distance beyond, through the canopy of the Third Division, the scene belated descended on me. Men, by the hundred had been thrown down and abandoned. Bodies were lying in intervals of a rod in all directions. Mangled trunks and heads were scattered about. The fighting here must have been well contested and desperate. To detail all the details

The act proves the intention

No. 2. The stillness at the upper for

For some time past efforts have been made to construct railroads from this point west, and our city, alive to their vast importance, has been liberal in issuing bonds for that purpose. Two roads were in contemplation—the St. Joseph and Topeka, and the Marysville or Palmetto and Roseport, which last road, by a recent act passed by the Legislature of Kansas, had its name changed to the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad. Both are to run upon the same track as far as Troy. To the former 44,300 and to the latter 25,500 of city bonds have been issued. Five miles of this road have been laid with a